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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 384
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize John Baker Garrott, Sr.
for his laudable service to Sumner County and
the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should
recognize those individuals who have dedicated themselves to preserving and honoring the rich
history of this great State; and

WHEREAS, John Baker Garrott, Sr. is one such estimable person who, with the greatest
devotion and integrity, has endeavored to preserve the historical buildings of Sumner County;
and

WHEREAS, A 1947 graduate of Gallatin High School, John Garrott was born and raised
in Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Garrott has distinguished himself as a public-
spirited citizen of the highest order; he has selflessly given of his time and means to various
building restoration projects throughout the Gallatin area; and

WHEREAS, John Baker Garrott, Sr. was instrumental in starting the Sumner County
Museum in 1976 and helped establish the first Historical District in Gallatin; and

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WHEREAS, He was also deeply involved in the preservation of Rosemont, the home of Joseph Conn Guild, and the restoration of Bledsoe Fort; block by block and stone by stone, he oversaw the careful relocation of Hugh Rogan's stone house and the Parker's log home to the Fort site; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished leader, John Garrott is a Trustee of Cragfont, General James Winchester's historic home; a Board Member of Wynnewood, the largest log inn in Middle Tennessee; and a Board Member of Rock Castle, the home of Daniel Smith; he has also served as one of the Sumner County Archivists, and as a Trustee and Chairman of the Volunteer State Community College Foundation, and is a past President of the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce and the Gallatin Rotary; he has ably served on the Sumner County Historical Commission and currently serves with distinction as Sumner County Historian; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrott has a remarkable talent for reproducing original furniture patterns; each year he generously donates his beautiful reproductions to be sold at auction, with the proceeds going to various historic organizations; now and then, he is able to take on personal furniture orders; the only payment he asks is that a sizeable donation be made to a restoration organization; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his outstanding work in historic preservation, he has served as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America; volunteering with Troop 425 at the Presbyterian Church in Gallatin; he has been honored with the Long Rifle Award, the highest award given to a volunteer at the district level; and

WHEREAS, John Baker Garrott, Sr. also ably served the Boy Scouts as a member of the Executive Board of the Middle Tennessee Council for many years; for his significant service to the Council he received the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest award that is given by the Council; and

WHEREAS, John Garrott was honored by the *News Examiner* as "The Citizen of the Year 2000" for his considerable contributions to Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrott co-founded E. H. Garrott and Son Builders with his father; through hard work and persistence, he has helped to build this family business into the prosperous enterprise it is today; E. H. Garrott and Son Builders, since its establishment, has been renamed Garrott Bros. Concrete; and

WHEREAS, He is an active and valuable member of the King Solomon Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, All his accomplishments aside, John Baker Garrott, Sr. is most blessed by the love and companionship he shares with his wife of fifty-two years, June Ditty; and

WHEREAS, A consummate professional, dedicated historian, and reliable friend and neighbor, John Garrott's life of service stands as a testament to the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting for the members of this legislative body to recognize the extraordinary achievements of this notable citizen and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize John Baker Garrott, Sr., applaud his ongoing commitment to historic preservation, commend his admirable service to Sumner County and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.